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ROUTING 13 JUN 1966

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GENERAL LEDFORD FROM [REDACTED]

1. OUR H-43 HELICOPTER WAS DAMAGED TODAY WHILE THE PILOT WAS ATTEMPTING TO DROP A RADAR MARKER. WHEN HE WAS AT ABOUT 4 - 6 FEET OF ALTITUDE AND DESCENDING IN A VERTICAL PLANE, A DUST DEVIL WHICH THE PILOT COULD NOT SEE APPARENTLY CAUSED THE AIRCRAFT TO DROP OUT COMPLETELY THESE LAST FEW FEET. THE PILOT FLEW THE AIRCRAFT BACK AND WE SET IT DOWN ON SOME MATTRESSES WITHOUT ANY PROBLEMS.
2. ALL FOUR OF THE LANDING GEAR WERE DAMAGED AND WILL HAVE TO BE REPLACED. THERE IS SOME SKIN DAMAGE ON BOTH SIDES WHERE THE AFT GEARS HIT THE FUSELAGE WHICH WILL REQUIRE SHEET METAL REPAIR. BOTH BOOMS SHOW EVIDENCE OF SOME WARPAGE AND WE WILL REPLACE THEM.
3. IF WE HAD ALL THE PARTS ON HAND I ESTIMATE THAT WE COULD REPLACE OR REPAIR EVERYTHING IN A WEEK USING ABOUT 110 MANHOURS. THE PARTS WILL ALL BE ON ORDER BY MONDAY MORNING AND I SHOULD KNOW LATER NEXT WEEK WHAT WE CAN EXPECT IN PARTS DELIVERY.

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4. [REDACTED] AT WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB

ON THIS INCIDENT. [REDACTED] WILL GIVE US ALL THE SUPPORT WE NEED

IN GETTING THE PARTS WE NEED. ALSO [REDACTED] SUGGESTED THAT NO

INCIDENT REPORT BE MADE. THE PARTS NEEDED FOR REPLACEMENT CAN BE

JUSTIFIED AS NECESSARY FOR PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES.

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